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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, PFOR, SP

SUBJECT: CIRCULATION TAX PROBLEM AT ROTA

1. THE SECRETARY SIGNED ON JULY 18 A LETTER TO FOREIGN  
MINISTER OREJA RESPONDING TO OREJA'S REFERENCE IN THEIR  
JUNE 23 MEETING TO THE TAX PROBLEM AT ROTA. TEXT OF  
LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: DEAR MARCELINO:

FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION IN PARIS ON JUNE 23, I LOOKED  
INTO THE MATTER YOU RAISED REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN  
GOVERNMENT FEES OR TAXES BY AMERICAN PERSONNEL AT ROTA. I  
UNDERSTAND THAT THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR  
SOME TIME WITHIN THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL-MILITARY  
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE 1976  
TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS  
ARISING FROM OUR MILITARY PRESENCE IN SPAIN.

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CERTAINLY, I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD NOT BE  
ALLOWED TO DAMAGE OUR VALUABLE PROGRAM OF DEFENSE COOPERA-  
TION. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS A RATHER TECHNICAL MATTER  
PRESENTLY BEING HANDLED IN A SUITABLE BILATERAL CHANNEL, IT

IS MY VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE TO LET THESE

DISCUSSIONS PROCEED IN MADRID FOR THE TIME BEING, WITH THE  
OPTION OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUE AT A HIGHER LEVEL LATER  
SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY.

WITH WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

CY VANCE

END QUTOE.

2. SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH. FOREGOING  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION UNLESS YOU BELIEVE ADVANCE COPY  
SHOULD BE PROVIDED, IN WHICH CASE YOU MAY DO SO. VANCE

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